



Mount Street Primary News

22nd September

Dear Parents,

Following the retirement of our **caretaker**, Vic, at the end of last term, I am delighted to inform you that we have appointed two new members of staff to undertake this role on a job-share basis. We welcome **Peter Dean** and **Uldis Kugis** to the team, both of whom will be starting work with us in the next couple of weeks.

By now the children will have come home with their **home learning activities and projects**. Some of the tasks should be completed on a weekly basis to support their English and Maths learning, but there are also tasks that let them explore their learning in a way that they would prefer through a longer term project. To support the completion of their home learning and to give parents the opportunity to be part of that learning, we will be making resources and a space available for you as parents/carers to work with your children on the projects in school. You will need to stay with your child during these sessions. These will be Monday 6th November (Y5/6), Monday 13th November (Y1/2) and Monday 20th November (Y3/4) between 3:15 and 4:15pm in each classroom. **Homework club** will also continue on a Thursday after school, from 3:10-4 pm. If you have any further questions about the homework or how the projects could be presented, please contact your child's class teacher in the first instance.

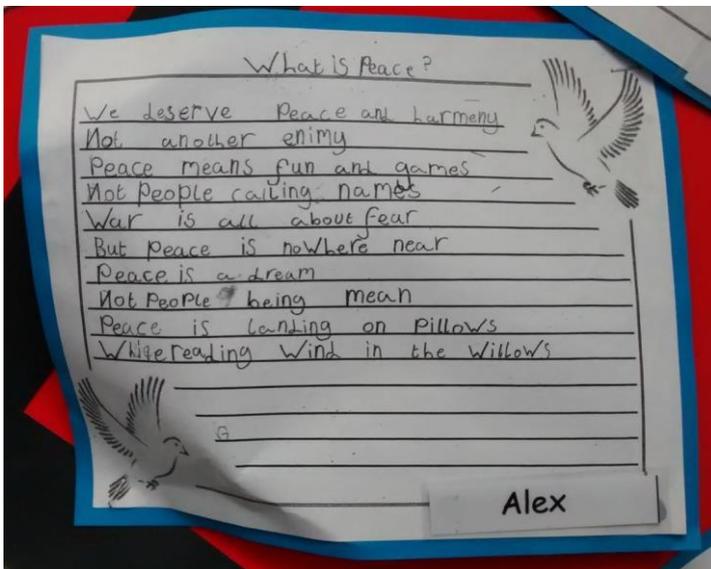
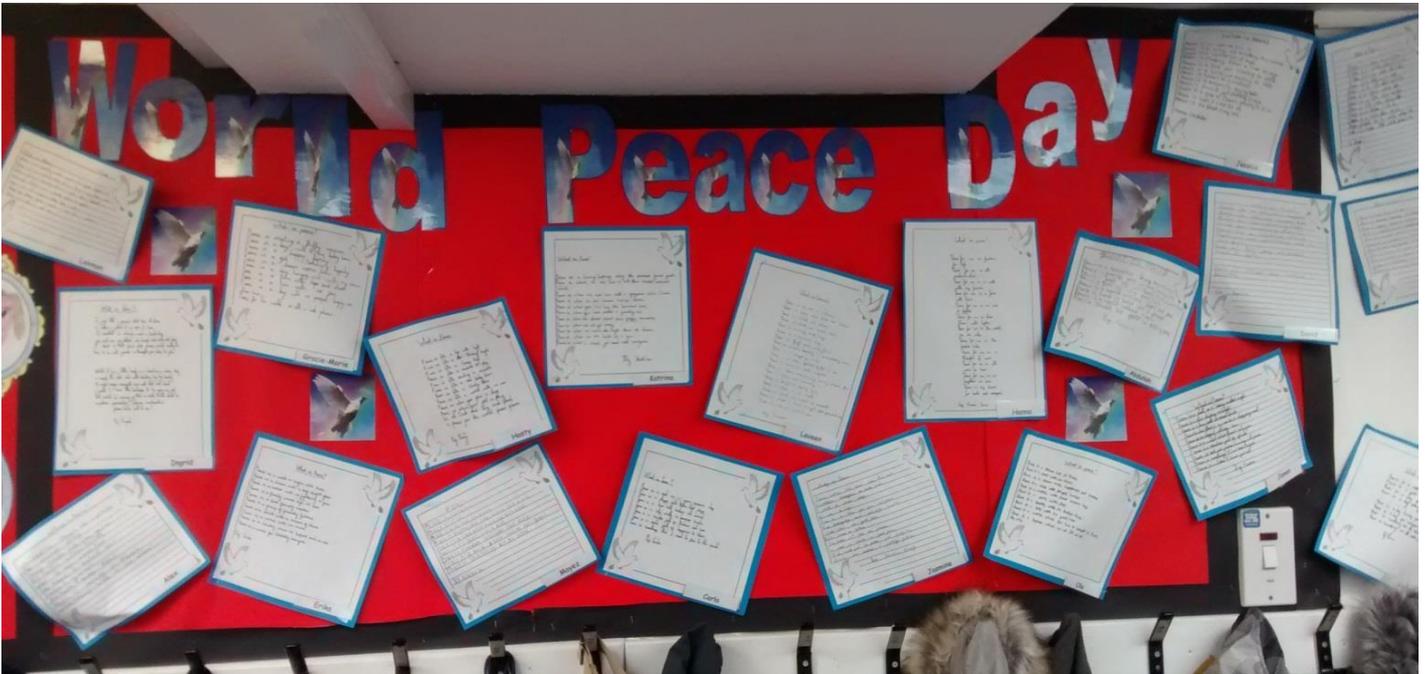
As we did last year, we will be holding a '**Home Learning**' exhibition on Thursday 30th November to celebrate this learning. This will be held in the school hall from 2:30pm- 5:00pm.



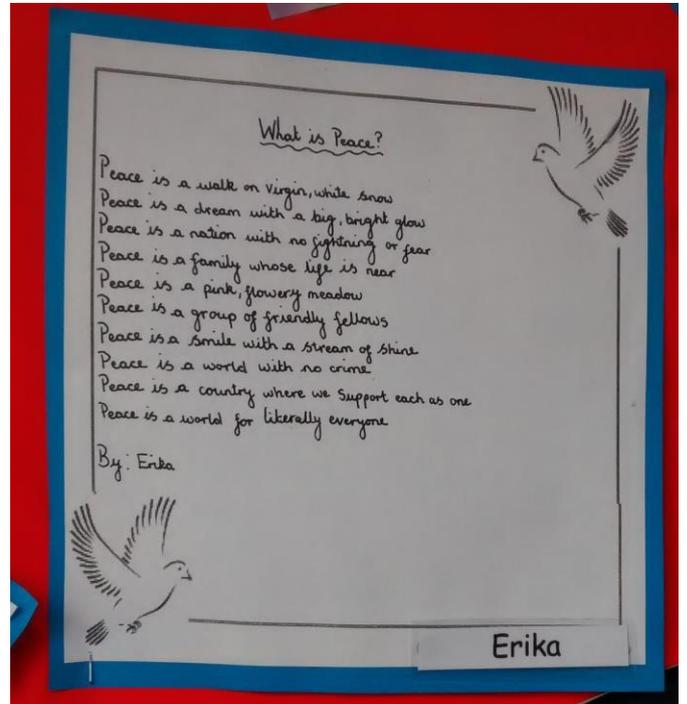
It was lovely to see so many of you at yesterday's '**World Peace day**' assembly. We were delighted to be awarded the Inclusion mark for the second time at the end of the Summer term and as we celebrate the first anniversary of the **School of Sanctuary** award I thought I would share with you the view of the lead assessor. This link takes you to their website where you can see their positive views about the school.

<https://iqmaward.com/news/mount-street-achieves-the-inclusive-school-award/>

Year 3's Peaceful Pictures



Year 6 Peaceful Poetry



Our World Peace Hosts: Yasmin, Fatima, Alex, Leila - 'Together we are strong!'

We held our first 'Parents voice meeting of the new school year on Tuesday. One of the issues raised was communication via the school website which was felt to be difficult to navigate. We are in the process of updating the website and have taken these comments on board.

NSPCC Helpline.

The NSPCC Helpline offers an independent first line of contact for anyone with worries about a child who wants to talk through their concerns and ask for advice on possible action. You can contact the Helpline 24/7 by phone or go online to get advice or share concerns about a child, anonymously if you wish. The Helpline is staffed by fully trained professionals experienced in managing safeguarding concerns.

The Helpline number is 0808 800 5000 or email help@nspcc.org.uk

Online safety update

O2 as part of their partnership with the NSPCC has created a series of weekly emails for parents/carers to help them start a conversation with their children about online safety. More information is available from O2NSPCC.

<https://nspcc.o2.co.uk/>

Thinkuknow have created a guide for parents/ carers to offer ways to help young people to stay safe if using this **Snapchat**. Go to <http://parentinfo.org/article/snapchat-a-parents-guide> for more details.

Now autumn is setting in, the days are a lot cooler and even if the morning is bright it can be raining by lunch-time. Please make sure your child brings a coat to school so they can enjoy their breaks and any walk home.

Individual Photographs are being taken next Thursday (28th September). If you would like a family group shot, please come to school for 8:30. Please note, the photographs will be taken during the morning. **If your child attends Me2 or Nursery in the afternoon**, again, please bring them in for 8:30 to have their individual shot taken.



On Tuesday 19th September Key Stage 1 took a trip to **Greenbank Fire Station**. They behaved exceptionally well whilst walking and during the visit. The children were able to try on a fire fighter's helmet while teachers got to try on the full uniform! They had a tour of the station, seeing the fire engines and learned about the equipment used in fires and accidents. Of course, they enjoyed using the fire hose the most! They also listened carefully to a very important fire safety talk. Thank you to all of the adult helpers that joined us on our trip and well done KS1!



For Your Diary

| | Date | When | Who | What |
|--------------------|------------------|----------|------------------|---|
| Autumn Term | September | | | |
| | 26 | 2:30 | Y5 and 6 Parents | PPA Event (Outdoor Learning Group) |
| | 27 | 2:30 | KS1 Parents | PPA Event (Outdoor Learning and Cooking Groups) |
| | 28 | 8:30 | All | Individual Photographs |
| | 28 | 2:30 | Y3 and 4 Parents | PPA Event (Outdoor Learning and Cooking Groups) |
| | 29 | 3:10 | All | FOMSS Pizza Café |
| | October | | | |
| | 2 | All Day | All Children | Non Pupil Day |
| | 2 | 1:00 | Parents | Parents Meetings |
| | 3 | 2:15 | All | Harvest Festival |
| | 3 | 3:10 | All | FOMSS Harvest Café |
| | 16 | 3:20 | Same parents | Heatree meeting |
| | 20 | All Day | All | Last day of half-term |
| | 21-29 | All Week | All | Half-term |
| 30 | All Day | All | Non Pupil Day | |
| 31 | All Day | All | Back to School | |